Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know how many first class cases are tried by these Magistrates with second class powers every year ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—I want notice.

Trucks—Forest Department.

182. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state .—

(1) the number of pairs of trucks asked for by the Forest Department per month in 1105 and 1106 for transport of Government timber ;

(2) the number of pairs of trucks delivered in the respective years ; the reason for the difference in the 2 years ;

(3) are trucks generally delivered for private transport before satisfying the requirements of the Forest Department; if so, the reason for so doing ;

(4) has the Forest Department preferential claims for trucks for transport of Government timber than a private contractor ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) A statement is appended. (*Appendix IX.*)

(2) 1103 pairs of trucks were delivered in 1105 and 1333 pairs were delivered in 1106.

The following reasons contributed to the short delivery of empties in 1105. (1) The Muduvarachal bridge was closed for repairs for about 10 days when there was no traffic,(2) no empties were delivered on the closing and reopening days after Onam, Christmas and Easter holidays, (3) hauling up of bogies and coal trucks for sleeper transport in consequence of which there was shortage in the number of empties available for delivery.

The reasons for the shortage in 1106 are (1) closure of bridges for repairs on account of which there was no Government transport for some days, (2) repairs to engine in section III when the traffic had to be conducted with only one engine, (3) working of special trains for the Diwan and the Hon'ble the Resident of the Hyderabad State on which days no empties were delivered and (4) no empties were delivered on the closing and reopening days for and afterOnam, Christmas and Easter holidays. Added to the above reasons the detention of trucks for repairs owing to their old age also contributed to a large extent to the shortage in delivery.

(3) No. Trucks are delivered for private transport only after assurance from the Department that they have no objection for the transport and after obtaining Diwan's orders.

(4) Yes.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The Muduvarachal bridge was closed for repairs for about 10 days., May I know whether this matter was reported to the Government ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It must have been, I think, reported. I cannot say for certain. I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—'No empties were delivered on the closing and opening days'. Why no empty was delivered on those days?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—On the closing date the empties won't be delivered at the terminus.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Because the train has to go on that date. The train does go to the terminus along with the empties because there won't be train the next day. The last day the train comes from Parambikulam and then it would not go.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—On the reopening day do two trains run?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes. Sometimes one and sometimes two in the first section only.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many engines are there altogether ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Eight.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In each section ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Two in the third section, three in the first.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why three engines are kept in the first section where there is a workshop ? When an engine is in disorder it can be repaired in the workshop.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—In the first section three engines are kept, one for specials.

Fuel—Tramway Department.

183. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. were any fuel measured and taken charge of by the Brake and Loco Inspector of the Tramway Department in sections 2 and 3 in Chingam 1107; if so, the dates and the places where the same was measured with the time of measurement and the name of the subordinate of the Forest Department who witnessed the measurement;

2. the halting place of Brake and Loco Inspector on the day previous to the date of measurement and on the date of measurement;

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